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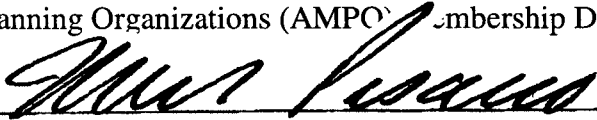
DATE: February 3, 2005

TO: The Administration Committee
The Regional Council

FROM: Tonya Gorham, Government Affairs Analyst
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SUBJECT: Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Membership Dues

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize expenditure of \$18,750 for 2005 annual membership dues to the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO). This item was held over from the January Administration Committee meeting for continued discussion in February.

SUMMARY:

AMPO is a nonprofit, membership organization which serves the needs and interests of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) nationwide. AMPO offers its member MPOs technical assistance, training, research, a transportation policy development forum, coalition building opportunities, and a variety of other services. AMPO has been very active in the TEA-21 Reauthorization process as the voice for MPOs in Washington DC. In the coming year, AMPO will continue advocating to preserve the current federal funding and to increase the funding available to MPOs through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and metropolitan planning.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approving this request will result in the expenditure of \$18,750 for the membership dues from SCAG's 2004/05 Budget. The AMPO membership dues for 2005 are equal to the amount paid in 2004. Funding to pay for AMPO membership dues is located within the Government and Public Affairs budget 05-810.SCGS90 as outlined in the SCAG fiscal year 2004-05 adopted budget.

ATTACHMENT:

AMPO Invoice Letter

T. Gorham 2/3/05
AMPO Dues
Docs#105109

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Mark Pisano
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818 W 7th St, 12th Fl
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Dear Mr. Pisano:

As you know, this is going to be an important and potentially unstable year with the on-going extensions of TEA-21. ISTEA and TEA-21 expanded the responsibilities of MPOs. Therefore, AMPO is strongly advocating enhancement of the current funding and increase the funding directly available to you and other MPOs through CMAQ, STP, and metropolitan planning. Now more than ever, we need to keep an eye on Hill activities.

We have also received federal grants to provide you with technical information in the areas of Air Quality Conformity, Management and Operations/Intelligent Transportation Systems, Land Use, Operations, Transit and Travel Demand Modeling. At this year's annual conference, we unveiled our new "education" track and we were able to offer scholarship money for our new MPO colleagues.

Next year's activities follow a successful 2004 for AMPO. We will be busy continuing to improve our services and looking for more ways to engage the MPO community. We will publish the revised MPO Profiles, including the new MPOs' information, and we have many other projects in the works. Please note that our AMPO Member's Only section will have a password change and we will be working on a message board and other items "for members only."

Please contact me with your questions or concerns at 202-296-7051 or dhardy@ampo.org. I look forward to working with you cooperatively through reauthorization. All MPOs must have a voice!

Sincerely yours,

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Invoice

Date	Invoice #
01/01/2005	2005-111

Bill To

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Description	Amount
AMPO Membership Dues - 2005	18,750.00
<div>Central Files Date: <u>11/2/04</u></div> <div>Vendor #: <u>5-1251</u></div> <div>SAP PO#: <u>?</u></div> <div>MIGO#: _____ Date: _____</div> <div>MIRO#: _____ Date: _____</div> <div>Approver: _____ Date: _____</div>	
Payment is due upon receipt of invoice.	Total \$18,750.00

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